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TITLE OF INVENTION: EXPANSION TANK DEVICE, PROCESS FOR FABRICATING EXPANSION TANK DEVICE, AND LIQUID COOLING RADIATOR

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Applicant(s)

KATADA ET AL.

Examiner

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ROBERT J. HOFFBERG

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 5/9/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-33.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
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- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
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/ROBERT J HOFFBERG/  
Examiner, Art Unit 2835

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### EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Akihiro Yamazaki on Reg. No. 46,155.
3. Amend claims 1, 4, 5, 9, 10, 12-14, 22, 24, 25, 31, and 33 as follows:

Claim 1: An expansion tank device<sub>1</sub> comprising:  
a tank installation base having a cooling liquid channel<sub>1</sub>; and  
an expansion tank provided on an upper surface of the installation base,  
wherein the tank installation base ~~having~~ has a communication hole for  
holding space above the upper surface thereof in communication with the cooling  
liquid channel, the expansion tank ~~having~~ has a tank main body including an  
upwardly bulging portion having an opening at a lower end thereof, and a bottom  
plate joined to a lower end of the tank main body for closing the lower-end  
opening of the bulging portion and joined to the upper surface of the tank  
installation base, the bottom plate of the expansion tank ~~being~~ is provided at a  
portion thereof corresponding to the communication hole with a through hole  
communicating with the communication hole of the tank installation base, and the

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bottom plate ~~being~~ is provided with a baffle plate formed along the entire circumference of an inner peripheral edge thereof defining the through hole and slanting upwardly toward a central portion of the through hole.

Claim 4: An expansion tank device according to claim 2 wherein the upper and lower two base forming sheets are each made of aluminum, and are brazed with a first brazing material layer formed on at least one of a lower surface of the upper base forming sheet and an upper surface of the lower base forming sheet.

Claim 5: An expansion tank device according to claim 4 wherein the bottom plate is made of aluminum, and the bottom plate is brazed to the upper base forming sheet utilizing a second brazing material layer formed on at least one of a lower surface of the bottom plate and an upper surface of the upper base forming sheet.

Claim 9: A process for fabricating ~~[[an]]~~ the expansion tank device according to claim 1, the process including ~~the steps of~~:

preparing a lower base forming metal sheet having a downwardly bulging cooling liquid channel and an upper base forming metal sheet having a communication hole formed therethrough~~[[,]]~~;

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preparing the tank main body of metal including the upwardly bulging portion having the opening at the lower end thereof and the bottom plate of metal for closing the lower-end opening of the bulging portion of the tank main body[.];

forming the through hole in the bottom plate and forming the baffle plate on the bottom plate along the entire circumference of the inner peripheral edge thereof defining the through hole, the baffle plate slanting upwardly toward the central portion of the through hole[.];

superposing the upper base forming sheet on the lower base forming sheet with the communication hole opposed to the cooling liquid channel[.];

placing the bottom plate on the upper base forming sheet with the communication hole included in the through hole and placing the tank main body on the bottom plate with the baffle plate positioned inside the upwardly bulging portion[.]; and

brazing the upper and lower base forming sheets to each other, the base plate to the upper base forming sheet and the tank main body to the bottom plate at the same time.

Claim 10: A process for fabricating an expansion tank device according to claim 9 which comprises making the upper and lower base forming sheets, the bottom plate and the tank main body from aluminum, forming a first blazing material layer on at least one of a lower surface of the upper base forming sheet

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and an upper surface of the lower base forming sheet, forming a second blazing material layer on at least one of a lower surface of the tank main body and an upper surface of the bottom plate, forming a third blazing material layer on at least one of a lower surface of the bottom plate and an upper surface of the upper base forming sheet, and brazing the upper and lower base forming sheets to each other, the base plate to the upper base forming sheet and the tank main body to the bottom plate using ~~[[these]]~~ the first, second and third brazing material layers.

Claim 12: A liquid cooling radiator according to claim 11 wherein the baffle plate has an upper end defining an opening, and wherein when the expansion tank device is rotated 90 degree to a vertical position, the cooling liquid is enclosed in the cooling liquid channel and the circulating channel in an amount permitting the cooling liquid to fill the cooling liquid channel and the circulating channel~~[[,]]~~ with ~~[[the]]~~ a liquid level of the cooling liquid inside the bulging portion of the expansion tank ~~positioned above [[an]] the opening defined by an upper end of the baffle plate, on the tank bottom plate, when the expansion tank device is in a vertical position, the amount of the cooling liquid further permitting the cooling liquid~~ and when the expansion tank device is rotated 180 degree to an upside down position, the cooling liquid is enclosed in the cooling liquid channel and the circulating channel in the amount permitting the cooling liquid to fill the cooling liquid channel and the circulating channel~~[[,]]~~ with the



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liquid level inside the bulging portion of the expansion tank ~~positioned~~ above the opening ~~defined by~~ of the baffle plate ~~upper end, when the expansion tank device is turned upside down.~~

Claim 13: A liquid cooling radiator according to claim 11 wherein the heat receiving unit comprises a heat receiving unit main body made from two highly heat-conductive sheets joined as superposed on each other and provided with a second cooling liquid channel having opposite-end openings between the two heat-conductive sheets, and a heat transfer member made from a highly heat-conductive material and provided inside the second cooling liquid channel of the unit main body, the unit main body having an outer surface providing a heat receiving portion thermally in contact with a heat generating body.

Claim 14: A liquid cooling radiator according to claim 13 wherein the heat transfer member comprises a flat tube having a plurality of borelike passageways formed in parallel and extending longitudinally of the second cooling liquid channel of the unit main body.

Claim 22: A liquid cooling radiator, ~~comprising:~~

a base plate ~~composed of~~ comprising two metal sheets joined as superposed on each other and provided with a heat receiving unit, the heat receiving unit having a cooling liquid channel, the ~~[[an]]~~ expansion tank device

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according to claim 1 and a cooling liquid circulating channel connecting ~~the~~  
~~channel of the heat receiving unit to the channel of the expansion tank device,~~  
the tank installation base of the expansion tank device comprising the two metal  
sheets.

Claim 24: A liquid cooling radiator according to claim 22 wherein the heat  
receiving unit comprises a heat receiving unit main body made from the two  
metal sheets and provided with a ~~cooling-liquid~~ channel having opposite-end  
openings between the two metal sheets, and a heat transfer member made from  
a highly heat-conductive material and provided inside the ~~cooling-liquid~~ channel  
of the unit main body, the unit main body having an outer surface providing a  
heat receiving portion thermally in contact with a heat generating body.

Claim 25: A liquid cooling radiator according to claim 24 wherein the heat  
transfer member comprises a flat tube having a plurality of borelike passageways  
formed in parallel and extending longitudinally of the ~~cooling-liquid~~ channel of the  
unit main body.

Claim 31: A liquid cooling radiator according to claim 24 wherein the heat  
transfer member comprises a corrugated fin having crest portions and furrow  
portions which extend longitudinally of the ~~cooling-liquid~~ channel of the unit main

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body, and connecting portions interconnecting the crest portions and the furrow portions respectively.

Claim 33: A notebook personal computer comprising a main body having a keyboard, and a display unit openably attached to the main body, the main body including a housing having disposed therein ~~the~~ liquid cooling radiator according to claim 11.

4. The following changes to the drawings have been approved by the examiner and agreed upon by applicant: figure 11 to include “each of the two metal sheets comprises an aluminum brazing sheets” (claim 30) and a keyboard, a display unit, and a housing (claim 33). In order to avoid abandonment of the application, applicant must make these above agreed upon drawing changes.

5. Amend the Specification as follows:

- a. page 7, line 11, change “blazing” to - -brazing- -;
- b. page 7, line 14, change “blazing” to - -brazing- -;
- c. page 7, line 16, change “blazing” to - -brazing- -; and
- d. page 27, line 7, change “tank 8” to --tank 18--.

### REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

6. The claims 1-33 are allowable over the prior art of record for at least the reason that the prior art fails to teach or suggest a structure as in claim 1, comprising a tank installation base having a cooling liquid channel and an expansion tank provided on an upper surface of the installation base, the tank installation base having a communication hole for holding space above the upper surface thereof in communication with the cooling liquid channel, the expansion tank having a tank main body including an upwardly bulging portion having an opening at a lower end thereof, and a bottom plate joined to a lower end of the tank main body for closing the lower-end opening of the bulging portion and joined to the upper surface of the tank installation base, the bottom plate of the expansion tank being provided at a portion thereof corresponding to the communication hole with a through hole communicating with the communication hole of the tank installation base, the bottom plate being provided with a baffle plate formed along the entire circumference of an inner peripheral edge thereof defining the through hole and slanting upwardly toward a central portion of the through hole. The aforementioned limitations in combination with all remaining limitations of the respective claims are believed to render said independent claims 1 and all claims dependent therefrom patentable over art of record. Claims 9, 11, 22, and 33 incorporate the limitations of claim 1.

7. The closest references to the present invention are believed to be as follows: US 6,947,282 and WO 03/028422 (US 6,757,169 English language equivalent claiming priority to WO/03/028422) discloses expansion tanks with an air lock, the expansion

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tank being able to be rotated without the air from entering into the liquid flow therethrough. These above listed references all lack the specific structure and arrangement in claim 1.

8. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

9. None of the cited references, either taken alone or in combination is believed to render the present invention unpatentable as claimed.

### ***Conclusion***

10. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. US 2,064,141, 6,587,336, 6,661,658, 6,795,312, 6,942,019, JP 2003-7944 disclose features of the claimed invention. References US 7,417,857, 2009/0050301, and JP 2005-26498, 2007-200957 disclose features of the claimed invention, but are not prior art.

11. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Robert J. Hoffberg whose telephone number is (571) 272-2761. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM Mon - Fri.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jayprakash Gandhi can be reached on (571) 272-3740. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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